

# NEWSLETTER

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**UPCOMING  
EVENTS:**

**FRIDAY  
JAN 26 -  
VISION BOARD  
NIGHT @ 5PM**

**SATURDAY  
JAN 27 -  
HOMEOWNER  
EMPOWERMENT  
WORKSHOP  
@ 1PM**

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## Hermosa gets creative

### **HNA OPENS UP YOUTH MAKERSPACE**

Monday January 22nd marked the official start date of Creative Cove. Despite the cold temperatures, youth came in eager and ready to learn new skills. The free afterschool program consists of 4-week courses of the student's choice: Cricut, 3D Printing or Sewing. Classes meet one day a week, with an optional sewing day on Saturdays. Creative Cove is our commitment to keeping our youth safe and engaged, away from the streets. "Makerspaces encourage educational equity, help build communication, creativity and collaboration skills." (waldenu.edu) Stay tuned for our next makerspace session.



## Holiday Contest Winner

### **HERMOSA'S 1ST ANNUAL HOLIDAY DECORATIONS CONTEST**

Congratulations to the Sotelo family! You now have bragging rights for being Hermosa's Best Decorated House and a nice, shiny trophy to prove it. We had a great turnout with many beautiful entries. We look forward to hosting the event again this year. Neighbors, get your decorations and cameras ready!

**“What started as an idea on a napkin has evolved into an organization dedicated to our thriving Hermosa community”**

## Join the HNA Team

Hermosa Neighborhood Association (HNA) is a volunteer-led non-profit 501(c)(3) organization fighting for better quality of life for all of Hermosa’s diverse residents. We provide action-oriented advocacy for those most vulnerable. We seek to aid and promote the general welfare of the community through **Dialogue**,

**Empowerment**, and **Direct Action**.

We are grateful for all our past and present volunteers who have made such an impact in our community.

If you’re interested in joining HNA, visit [ourhermosa.org/volunteer](http://ourhermosa.org/volunteer) to set up a volunteer orientation. We’re always looking for passionate and dedicated volunteers to help continue making Hermosa, hermosa.



**From left to right:** Vice President Alma Kreuser, Youth Program Manager & Cricut Instructor Marlene Gutierrez, Sewing Instructor Marilu Ramirez, President Janette Pacheco, 3D printing Instructor & Marketing and Outreach volunteer Spencer Blake, After School Associate Lus Pineda, Marketing & Outreach and Fundraising volunteer Daniela Rozo, Marketing & Outreach Chair Diana Rodriguez

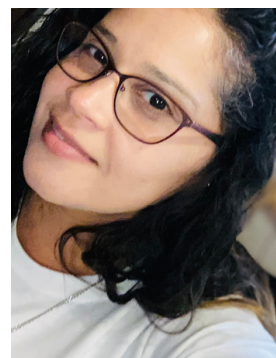
## Hermosa Highlight of the Month

### **NEW HOPE BIBLE CHURCH STREET HOPE MINISTRY – FOOD PANTRY**

Street Hope has existed for approximately 30 years. It started on Leavitt Street in the Wicker Park neighborhood serving hot meals on Saturday mornings to people that were in need. The church continued to serve hot meals as the church moved to different locations over the years. The meals have been served by church volunteers as well as people that were being served who also wanted to give back to the community.

In 2023, the church leadership team met to discuss ways to improve the Street Hope ministry. The leaders all agreed that while it’s good to give a hot meal on Saturday to the community, it would be better to provide an opportunity for community members to choose the food that they need to prepare their own meals at home.

In September 2023, Street Hope Bible church launched the “**Street Hope Market**” which is currently open on **Thursday** afternoons and **Saturday** mornings. The church has partnered with the Greater Chicago Food Depository, who provides the food that is distributed on a weekly basis. Since September 2023, the church currently serves approximately 500-600 individuals weekly with milk, bread, eggs, cereal, fruits, vegetables, canned goods and various items. New Hope Bible church is also blessed to partner with local agencies to provide the human resources to support this ministry on a weekly basis.



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Pantry Supervisor



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**Street Hope Food Pantry Hours:**  
**Thursday 4pm-6pm**  
**Saturday 11am-2pm**

**Serving zip codes 60618, 60641, 60644, 60647, 60651 (must show proof of residency)**